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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Cedora Ruiz)
Appl. No. : 10/762,843)
Filed : January 21, 2004)
For: : WRITING IMPLEMENT)
Examiner : David J. Walczak)

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 222313-1450

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned attorneys of record in the above-captioned patent application, hereby apply to withdraw as attorneys of record in this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 10.40(c)(vi).

1. The attorneys of record apply to withdraw for the reason that the applicant has failed to remit fees and/or costs associated with their prosecution of the above-referenced patent application and other associated legal matters, and to avoid future responsibility for actions which may result in additional unpaid fees and costs.

2. On August 30, 2004, the attorneys of record filed a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. Since that time (over 8 months), applicant has not paid the fees associated with that work. Applicant also has unpaid balances for another patent application and related legal work, which invoices are more than one year old.

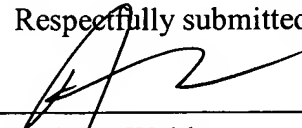
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3. Aside from the unpaid balance, an Office Action has now been mailed relative to the application and requires response. On February 18, 2005 the undersigned reviewed and provided notice to the applicant of this Office Action. The undersigned provided notice of the due date for responding to the Action, and also explicitly indicated that the undersigned could not continue to render services unless the previous balance was paid and unless some advance payment was provided towards preparation of the response. Despite applicant's initial indication of a desire to respond and provide that payment, no payment has been received.

4. The undersigned has delivered to the applicant all papers and property in the attorney's file concerning the prosecution of the application. The attorneys of record seek to withdraw at a sufficiently early date to avoid any prejudice to the applicant (the applicant presently has until July 7, 2005 to respond to the outstanding Office Action with the maximum three-month extension of time).

5. The present mailing address of the attorneys of record and their associated customer number is listed below. The present mailing address of the applicant is believed to be:

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